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IAS Staff Meeting
18 October 1974

G. Allen

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1. Mr. Allen read the White House memorandum which the DCI received affirming his responsibilities and authority. He also read the DCI's response to the memo.

2. Mr. Allen reported on the Executive Council Meeting of 18 October:

a. Mr. Walsh reported that IRAC believes the FY 75 budget picture is bad, but FY 76 will be worse. The total federal budget ceiling is being held at \$300 billion, of which only \$30 billion represents flexible costs. With the Agency operating under a fixed ceiling, things will be very tight, and the prospects for items such as SAFE [] face heavy going.

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b. Mr. Colby will be briefing the Stennis Oversight Committee on the community's budget. Senators Scott and Mansfield will attend for the first time.

c. Mr. Lehman reported on a number of changes in the NIB to accommodate DIA. There will be a military supplement to the NIB, with items contained therein attributed to DIA as appropriate. These items will be subject to community coordination and dissent.

d. There's an art exhibit at headquarters showing paintings, etc. by Agency personnel. There will be an open house on 26 Oct. for the purpose of viewing the exhibit.

e. Mr. Duckett and other recipients of the Civil Service Commission career awards were to meet with the President on Friday afternoon.

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g. Mr. Knoche sent a cable to [] protesting the unilateral DIA publication of increased strength figures for Soviet military forces.

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h. OER is drafting a paper on Project [] and this will be coordinated with OBGI and IAS.

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i. The Printing Services Division is now providing microfiche copies of materials sent to them for publication.

j. Mr. Knoche reported that DOD and DIA will be focusing on four major questions concerning support defense capabilities which affect US decision planning. They are:

(1) The threat in Europe and its impact on US airlift requirements.

(2) The expansion of Soviet navy capabilities, and their impact on US carrier procurement and refurbishment.

(3) Soviet training and maintenance programs, and capabilities to project their power abroad.

(4) Soviet defense expenditures, and the need for ways of comparing these with US costs.

k. Mr. Knoche spoke briefly on the status of the resolution study.

3. [] announced there is a review of carpool permits.

4. [] is the weekend duty officer.

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